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Take heart, sun worshippers: 'The best is yet to come'



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Although there are still a few dreary days ahead, Environment Canada says the sunniest skies of Nova Scotia's summer are just around the corner.

"In Atlantic Canada, the best is yet to come," senior climatologist David Phillips promised Monday. "You haven't really reached the halfway point of summer, where others have."

"There's still a lot of good weather to enjoy."

But don't put away your umbrella just yet — there are more cool showers and grey skies to get through first. The national meteorological service is calling for a 40 per cent chance of drizzle Tuesday morning, a risk of thunderstorms Tuesday afternoon and a 60 per cent chance of rain

Wednesday.

"Talk about misery," Phillips admitted of the region's persistent rain of late. "If you had your holidays for the last week, it's been a bummer."

The sun will start peaking out from behind the clouds by Thursday, with clearer skies and above normal temperatures, up to about 27 C, expected just in time for the Natal Day long weekend.

Overall, this summer should be warmer than normal across Nova Scotia, Phillips said.

"August generally is better than July," he said. "You have the best end of summers and

the best falls of anywhere in Canada."

So there's still plenty of beach season left, Phillips said. It's the Atlantic Ocean, in fact, that tends to delay summer



Not only is it the water torture test, but you've been submerged in all this rain.

David Phillips

in this part of Canada, he explained.

"The dog days of summer," or what he also calls "watermelon season" — when temperatures are at their hottest — should start around Aug. 1 in the province this year.

"There's hope," Phillips said.



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A participant in the 2013 Easter Seals Drop Zone fundraiser makes his way down the Macdonald Bridge. Amazing Race Canada contestants had to compete in a challenge on the bridge during the season's Halifax episode, which is set to air Wednesday at 8 p.m. on CTV.

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Amazing Race hits Halifax

ENTERTAINMENT

Canadian show explores city's heights, library in new episode



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A national TV show is hoping to show Haligonians high in the sky views and parts of our city we never knew existed.

This Wednesday at 8 p.m. on CTV, the Amazing Race Canada airs a Halifax episode where nine of the remaining teams compete by climbing to the top of the Macdonald Bridge, racing through the Halifax Central Library, and carrying kegs down Barrington Street.

"I think we're going to show off parts of Halifax that people have not seen yet," supervising producer Mark Lysakowski said Monday.

Lysakowski said the episode was filmed here over two days



You're going to see Halifax in a different light.

Mark Lysakowski, supervising producer of Amazing Race Canada

in May, and those who remember spotting film crews running around downtown might find themselves in the background of some scenes.

To play off the city's lobster fishing heritage, Lysakowski said they could have gone the "obvious route" out on the ocean, but created a twist thanks to Dalhousie University's Ocean Tracking Network.

The Network is home to the Aquatron Laboratory, the largest of its kind in Canada, which houses six large water tanks and is "the coolest thing known to man," Lysakowski said.

Contestants dove for lobsters in the tanks.

When it comes to picking locations and events to feature on the episode, Lysakowski said they're always researching. They visit the cities in advance to scope out ideas, which is when locals often come up with their own suggestions and make the job easier, he said.

The Halifax Central Library, "which is beautiful," was picked after Lysakowski spotted it on enRoute magazine's Instagram and the episode's producer saw it in print.

As for taking contestants to the top of the Macdonald, Lysakowski said it was as simple as asking, "Can we go up?"

"We still don't know what happens once they're up there," said Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB) spokeswoman Allison Currie said with a laugh on Monday.

"That'll be a surprise for all



Amazing Race contestants during a May visit to the Halifax Central Library. CONTRIBUTED

of us."

Currie said although the show brought in a third-party safety person and did a dry run before filming to make sure everything went smoothly, very few HHB employees knew what was happening until last week when the episode commercials came out, since those who dealt with the Amazing Race signed non-disclosure agreements.

"With all the work being done, we're used to seeing people on and off the bridge," Currie said.

The experience of filming in Halifax was great, Lysakowski said, with lots of residents helping contestants out as they ran around the city.

"Haligonians are very friendly people so they were very happy to offer directions," Lysakowski said.

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Let's be clear: They'll be checking

WASTE

City promises inspections of garbage bags will take place



Stephanie Taylor
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Residents considering testing the rules around Halifax's new clear garbage policy kicking in later this week — think again.

The city said after Aug. 1, households that exceed the six-bag limit or have trashed recyclables, compost or other misplaced materials would have their garbage left behind and asked to try again.

"Whatever it is that you didn't do properly under the new regulations, we would be leaving a rejection notice

and notifying the resident what the change was," city spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said Monday.

"They will then be responsible for re-sorting the material and putting it out for collection on the next collection day."

Enforcement of the new changes will be similar to those in place around recycling, she added.

Essentially, clear bags make it easier to enforce the rules around what residents should sort as trash, compost or recyclables, which in turn clears up some environmental and economic issues around the solid waste collection system, Chase explained Monday.

"What we are trying to do is increase the amount of ... materials that's properly sorted at

source and that saves money for everyone, for all taxpayers."

The math is simple: Chase said the cost of processing waste at the Otter Lake Landfill is roughly \$170 per tonne, whereas it only costs \$50 to process recyclables and \$70 to \$80 for compost at their respective facilities for the same amount.

Basically, less waste processed by the landfill equals cash saved and slows down the need for expansion, she added.

Chase also said other jurisdictions that have switched to clear bags reported an uptick in the number of residents recycling and a reduction in the amount of inappropriate waste ending up at landfills.

"It makes sense for us to switch to clear bags," Chase said.

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The number of days left before the switchover to clear bags on Aug. 1.



The municipality will strictly enforce new rules around collection of clear garbage bags, says a spokeswoman. METRO FILE

Garbage guidelines

With less than a week to go until Halifax's new clear garbage bag policy rolls into effect, Metro Halifax has compiled a list of six things every resident should know.

Stephanie Taylor METRO

1 What's my number?

Residential homes are permitted a maximum of six clear bags per garbage day, or five plus a darker "privacy bag," according to a city spokeswoman.

Tiffany Chase said a privacy bag is still required to be the same size — roughly 75 litres — as other bags, and can be black, green or opaque.

It goes without saying the privacy bag option is to soothe any worries that this new policy will force people to tell all when it comes to their trash.

The bag limit for multi-unit residential properties with six units or fewer will be a maximum of four clear bags, or three including a privacy bag.

White bags typically used in kitchens and bathrooms are also to be tossed out in privacy bags.



4 What about all that grass?

One of the additional changes in the city's switch to clear bags is that grass clippings will no longer be included in curbside collection.

Until now, residents have been allowed to dispose of grass in their green bins, along with leaves and other yard waste.

Chase said residents are encouraged to grasscycle their clippings instead by leaving the excess on their lawns.

Other ways people can dispose of clippings includes placing them in backyard compost piles, mixing them into planter soil or using them as mulch around bushes.

But when it comes to leaf and yard waste, the green bin is still a go, Chase said.

The only change is during fall and spring, residents are asked to dispose of their extra leaves in brown Kraft paper bags instead of plastic ones.



2 Any changes to my garbage or green bin?

Those worried about what to do with their garbage cans, fear not.

Chase said in lieu of a black or dark-coloured privacy bag, residents could use their trash bins instead.

Again, she reminds people that sizes and standards around garbage cans will not change.

Chase also said that box board — cereal or cracker boxes, for example — will no longer be sorted into green bins, but should be flattened and added to paper recycling, as is the case with egg cartons.

The city also reminds residents that recyclables and trash are still to be placed at an arm's-length distance on the curb.



5 What about my dog's and kid's poop?

The process of throwing out pet waste will remain the same, depending on how comfortable you are showing off Spot's doo-doo.

Chase said residents are allowed to dispose of pet waste in one of their six clear bags so long as the waste is either thrown in loose or contained in a clear bag, not a coloured grocery bag, which is most common.

"The intention of the clear bag is that we need to be able to see through anything that's inside that bag to determine what the material is," she said Monday.

Residents sticking with collecting doo-doo in grocery bags are asked to chuck that waste in a privacy bag.

The same rules apply for diapers, according to the city.



6 More questions?

There's an app for that

The city knows Haligonians have a lot of questions about the switchover, so on Monday it launched a new app to assist with answers.

Dubbed "Halifax Recycles," the new web and mobile app provides residents with updated garbage collection schedules, which will highlight interruptions and special holiday collection dates.

As well, it will determine what goes where for garbage, recyclables and compost.

How it works is simple: Residents enter the type of material and the app determines whether it belongs in a clear garbage bag, green bin or paper-recycling bag.

Those less tech-savvy residents can still use 311 for further questions.



3 Do the changes apply to me?

Apartments, condominiums, businesses and restaurants are exempt from the city's switch to clear garbage bags, Chase said Monday.

The city only provides curbside collection to residential homes, while garbage collection services for commercial enterprises and apartments are contracted out.

Locker-room vandalized

LOCKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Football team's storage trailer sprayed with graffiti



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

There's some work to be done before players on the football team at Lockview High School in Fall River will be able to use their storage trailer and locker-room, the Field House, after it was vandalized over the weekend.

"At first glance it didn't look too bad," said Fall River Minor Football president Ian Avery of the damage on the outside of the trailer.

"When we opened the door, it was the surprise of a lifetime."

Avery went to look at the trailer Sunday morning. He said there was graffiti on "every surface" inside: curse words, sexual innuendoes, swastikas and crude drawings of bongs from floor to ceiling.



Ian Avery opens the door on Monday to the Lockview High Field House, which was covered in graffiti inside. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"It would be your standard graffiti," said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church. "With the usual spray-painting of words and a bit of diagrams, as well."

Church said the words are "very insulting," and the dia-

grams include a "male body part," and a swastika, which he said police would consider racist.

Avery expects the cost of cleaning up the graffiti to be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

“It's somebody that has a lot of time on their hands, and obviously someone who doesn't play football.”

Ian Avery on whoever is behind the vandalism

in the case, which they call a break and enter with mischief.

A release from the RCMP says the officers investigating determined that the culprit or culprits "breached" a fence surrounding the school's property, then spray-painted the outside of the trailer, before forcing their way into the locked trailer and spray-painting there as well.

Church said officers at the scene collected physical evidence left behind by the vandal or vandals, but he wouldn't say what kind.

He said officers didn't get any leads by asking around in the neighbourhood.

IN BRIEF

Police looking for two young men after violent robbery in Spryfield

Halifax police are looking for two suspects after a violent robbery early Monday morning in Spryfield.

Just after midnight, police say three men and two women approached a 15-year-old boy who was walking on Sylvia Avenue.

One of the men hit the boy, and he and another stole his wallet and book bag.

The men ran away from the scene, and officers weren't able to track them down.

The first man is white, in his late teens, with short, curly brown hair. He was wearing a grey zip-up sweater with a collar and grey sweatpants.

The second man is white, in his late teens, with short curly brown hair. He was wearing a puffy black jacket and grey sweatpants.

Police ask anyone with information to call them or Crime Stoppers.

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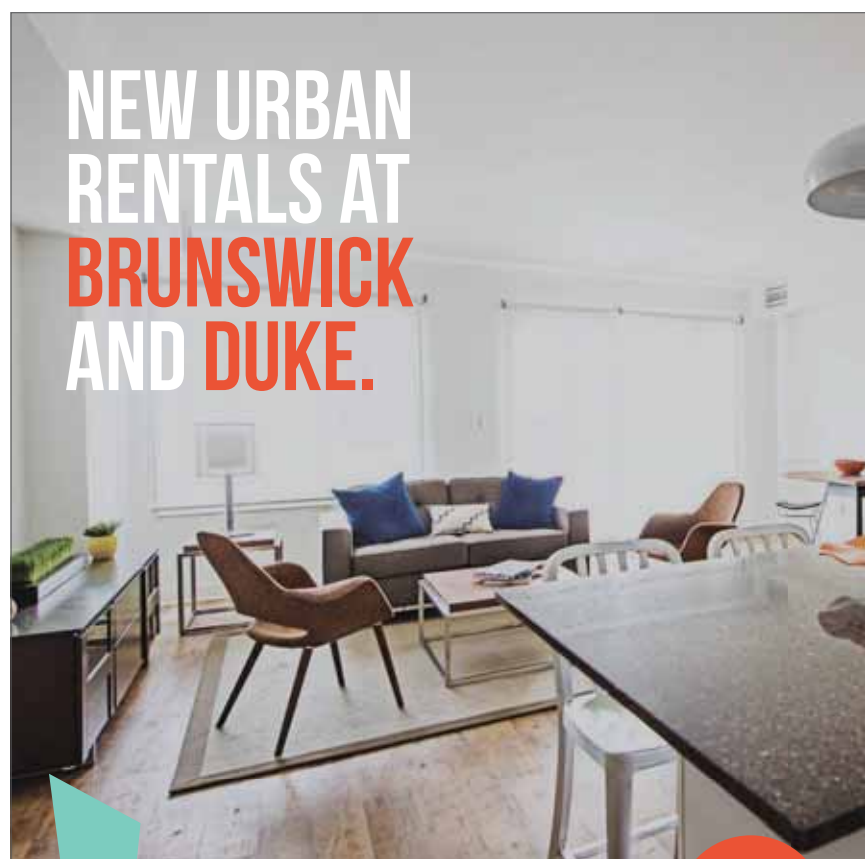
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Judas Priest coming to Halifax

Metal heads, rejoice: Judas Priest is landing in Halifax this fall.

On Monday, Sonic Concerts announced the legendary British heavy metal band would be performing at the Scotiabank Centre on Nov. 10 with special guest Mastodon.

According to a release, Judas Priest is hitting the road this

fall to promote their 2014 album *Redeemer of Souls*, which is the highest-charting album of their career as it debuted on the Billboard 200 charts at No. 6.

Tickets range from \$35.50 to \$101.25 including tax, and go on sale this Friday at 10 a.m. at the Ticket Atlantic box office, by phone at (902) 451-1221,

participating Atlantic Superstores, or at sonicconcerts.com.

Made up of Rob Halford, Glenn Tipton, Richie Faulkner, Ian Hill, and Scott Travis, Judas Priest has been behind classic metal anthems since the 1970s such as *Living After Midnight*, *Breaking the Law*, and *You've Got Another Thing Coming*.

METRO



Judas Priest will be performing at the Scotiabank Centre on Nov. 10. HANDOUT

New convention centre progressing

CONSTRUCTION

There will be a grand opening ceremony in January 2017



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The World Trade and Convention Centre held an event Monday to get people and businesses up to speed on the progress of the new Halifax Convention Centre.

"We've done these, roughly, on a quarterly basis," said WTCC president and CEO Scott Fer-

guson after he and sales manager Dawn Baldwin gave a short presentation.

"It's a chance to give them an update on construction in their neighbourhood."

Ferguson said as many as 75 people had shown up to the events in the past.

At this one, just 11 people heard the latest news about the new convention centre.

"The number isn't so important, as it is just the openness and willingness to get the information out," said Ferguson.

Those few who did come out saw an updated video of what the interior of the space will look like, with commentary from the architects who designed it.

Much of the details of the

building are finalized now, and Ferguson said more details will be available in September.

Ferguson and Baldwin highlighted the impact major conventions would have on businesses in the downtown core.

They claimed having a convention booked will double the amount of people downtown at any given time, and Baldwin said there will be even more people in the city at once now that they can book multiple conventions at the same time.

"Two groups could be in there at the same time, and never even cross paths or really see each other," she said, whereas with the current space, they're "one and done."

Late last month, Ferguson announced they had booked 30 conventions for the first three years, bringing in about 24,000 delegates, and he said Monday that the WTCC is about 1,000 delegates away from hitting its first year goal of 18,000.

Ferguson said there will be a grand opening ceremony in January 2017, and the first convention will be in the space in April 2017.

Some conferences ... were not able to return because they've outgrown the centre, and others hadn't looked at Halifax before, and the excitement of the new centre has attracted them.

Scott Ferguson, WTCC president and CEO



Work continues on the Nova Centre in downtown Halifax on Monday. The convention centre, which is part of the Nova Centre, will open in 2017. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Teen charged after early morning hit-and-run

A 17-year-old boy has been charged after a hit-and-run early Monday morning in Halifax. Halifax police say a car hit a parked vehicle on Brunswick Street at about 1:20 a.m.

When officers got to the scene, they saw two boys — the driver and passenger of the vehicle — running from the scene of the accident. The driver has been charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident and will appear in court at a later date. METRO

RENOVATIONS

Upgrades to begin at city facilities

The municipality has set the ball rolling on two years' worth of renovations for Cole Harbour Place and the Sackville Sports Stadium.

Both facilities were earmarked for upgrades in this year's approved capital budget for roughly \$3.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

Planned renovations include upgrades to each building's electrical system, roof and lighting, as well as general maintenance to pools and arena rinks.

Since both buildings are of similar age and condition, the city has lumped both projects together in the same proposal to hire a consultant to devise work plans.

Terry Gallagher, manager of facilities development with Halifax Regional Municipality, said the work does not aim to beautify or reconfigure either facilities, but is part of ongoing maintenance of city-owned buildings.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



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Truro-area teen's sudden death under investigation

POLICE

Damaged car found about a kilometre away from body

RCMP launched an investigation Monday into the death of a 16-year-old boy near Truro.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Mark Skinner said there were few details available on the identity of the young male and whether he was a resident at 488 Harmony Ridge Rd., where the investigation is taking place.

"Every event we have in relation to a sudden death, the stance we have to take is to investigate it as a homicide until we know otherwise," he said.

Early on Monday, officers were seen erecting a canopy behind a small, white shed behind the residence.

"There is a body," one nearby resident said, although that individual and other neighbours in the immediate vicinity said they had not heard or seen anything to indicate what had happened.

+ AT THE SCENE

The body was removed from the scene by the medical examiner by late Monday morning, according to the RCMP.



Investigators at the scene Monday where they are looking into the sudden death of a 16-year-old boy. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Skinner said police were called to the scene shortly after 4 a.m. Monday morning.

Howard Pyne, who lives directly across the road at Harmony Ridge Farms, said he had no inkling of anything out of the ordinary until he got up around 5 a.m. and saw a fire truck stopped at the residence.

About a kilometre down the road, an RCMP vehicle was at the scene where a car with visible body damage was sitting in a marsh at the bottom of a

steep embankment.

Skid marks and other identifying marks indicate that a green Chevrolet Cavalier had slid up over a metal guardrail before ending up at the bottom of the incline among tall weeds and grasses.

Skinner said he had no immediate information on whether the two incidents were connected, nor whether anyone is being investigated or has been arrested in the crash.

Tim Johnson, chief of the

Salmon River Fire Brigade, said his crew were called out at approximately 3:30 a.m. in response to a single-vehicle motor accident on Harmony Ridge Road.

"We got there and there was nobody there," Johnson said, of when his crew and later the EHS ambulance arrived at the scene.

"We were waiting for the RCMP to show to see if they wanted to tow the vehicle or what they wanted to do."

Before the police arrived, however, Johnson said he received another call related to a cardiac arrest at 488 Harmony Ridge Rd.

"I was down below at the other scene so I drove up and they had EHS on site with an RCMP officer and he told me that our services were no longer required, we could leave," Johnson said.

"I got to the doorstep and that's as far as I was allowed to go." TRURO DAILY NEWS



The vehicle found about a kilometre away from the home. TRURO DAILY NEWS

NEW GLASGOW

Crowd protests mental health unit closure

More than 75 people protested against the temporary closure of the short-term stay mental health inpatient unit outside the Aberdeen Hospital late Monday morning.

Many of the people protesting have either used the facility themselves or have family who have. They say it's crucial to have a unit locally.

Irene Limburg, 47, said she was last in the unit two and a half weeks ago. The Pictou woman said it will be devastating for a lot of people in Pictou County, especially her, to have the unit closed.

"It keeps me safe when I'm in times of crisis. They give me education and they support me and they don't let me go until I'm safe to go home," she said about the help she has received locally.

She says anyone who needs the unit shouldn't have to travel.

"If one in five live with a mental health issue, you can just imagine the staggering amount of people that need this unit."

Earlier this month, the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow announced it would temporarily close its eight-bed mental health unit in August because of a staffing shortage.

The closure could last several months.

Last week, Premier Stephen McNeil told reporters efforts are underway to recruit new psychiatrists and nurses as quickly as possible. However, he said the search for new nurses in particular is difficult given a shortage in other jurisdictions.

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WEATHER SUMMER SOAKER Rain bounces off the pavement at Citadel Hill as a few pedestrians brave the elements to walk past the Town Clock on Monday. Nova Scotia has been subject to a wet spell for the past two weeks. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cruiser use under fire

POLICING

Union critical of what they say is personal use of unmarked cars

The president of the union representing police in Nova Scotia's second largest municipality is hoping a meeting with Cape Breton Regional Police Chief Peter McIsaac will result in better distribution of unmarked vehicles.

Joan Jessome of the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union said Monday that a union proposal on how best to distribute the 13 vehicles now assigned to managers would leave at least five vehicles that could be retained by managers. The eight others would be distributed across the four divisions of the Cape Breton Regional Police.

"They really do have a valid rationale for the distribution, and I don't see us as dropping this issue," she said after meeting with the local union executive over the weekend.

The issue came to light last week when email exchanges between McIsaac and union vice-president Const. Greg Livingstone were sent to local media outlets.

McIsaac said he was reluctant to change the policy because his managers are on call 24-7 and need vehicles at their disposal.

The policy allows managers to take their vehicles home, which is causing concern for union members who complain that sometimes an unmarked vehicle is not available.

Jessome said her members are also reluctant to speak out publicly on the issue because of fear of reprisal from management.

"We want to talk to legal counsel and staff before taking the next step," said Jessome, adding she's hopeful a meeting with McIsaac could help solve the issue.

A main restriction governing the car policy dictates that vehicles are not to be for personal use, but the union contends that policy is being regularly violated with no repercussions.

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Have tent, will tutor, Canadian student says

A Canadian student's unorthodox pitch to save money on his university education is helping a British woman to obtain her high school credentials.

Evan Eames's master's studies at the University of Manchester were set to cost the Montreal resident more than \$30,000 in tuition fees alone, sending him on the hunt for frugal accommodations.

The avid camper thought pitching a tent in someone's backyard would solve his problem, and so he took to the Internet in search of a landlord.

He found one in Charley Mantack, a Manchester resident who offered to let him pitch his tent on her property in exchange for tutoring in math and science.

Eames spent about three hours a week helping her with her high school equivalency course work. Final exam results are due next month, but Mantack was posting A's in her classes and expects to graduate.

Eames said the inconvenience of living in sporadically damp or cold conditions was balanced by the fresh air and

fun of doing something a little out of the ordinary.

"It started out as mainly an economic function, but very quickly it turned into something that I was genuinely enjoying," the 25-year-old said in a telephone interview.

A long-term camp-out was not part of Eames's initial plan when he decided to complete his master's degree outside of Canada.

The British citizenship he enjoys courtesy of his father, he thought, would be sufficient to secure tuition rates more in line with what he would have paid if he remained in Canada.

But after discovering that international rates applied to anyone who had not lived in the country for at least three years, Eames was forced to get creative.

The time he'd previously spent globetrotting on a student budget had made him comfortable with life in a nylon shelter.

Mantack said she plans to go on to university, where she hopes to follow her tutor's lead by studying science.

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Evan Eames in a selfie. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Pilot rescued from ice floe

ARCTIC

Russian aviator picked up 32 hours after chopper crash

A Russian helicopter pilot survived a crash of his small helicopter into frigid Arctic waters by scrambling into a life raft and then spending over 30 hours awaiting rescue on an ice floe, military officials said Monday.

Sergey Ananov was on a solo, around-the-world journey in his single-engine aircraft and was about halfway between Iqaluit and Greenland when his Robinson R22 helicopter ditched in the Davis Strait on Saturday afternoon.

Rear Admiral John Newton says the search and rescue coordination centre was notified after an on-board beacon indicated Ananov's single-seat aircraft had descended to sea level and stopped moving.

The admiral said the 49-year-old sociologist and journalist had his life raft close at hand and his survival suit was on as it hit the water.

"It's wet, it's cold, he has some polar bear neighbours who are very interested in his whereabouts. He has quite a survival story."

Newton said Ananov fired



Pilot Sergey Ananov spent more than 30 hours on an ice floe awaiting rescue. FACEBOOK/SERGEY ANANOV/THE CANADIAN PRESS



He has quite a survival story.

Rear Admiral John Newton

off flares but they couldn't be seen in the cloudy, misty conditions by rescue aircraft and helicopters that had been dispatched to the scene.

However, early on Monday morning a watchkeeper with the coast guard vessel Pierre Radisson, which had set out

from Frobisher Bay to find the lost aviator, spotted one of the flares fired from the floe.

The vessel sent its helicopter to retrieve Ananov, who by then had been on the ice approximately 32 hours.

The admiral said the military search centre worked on the assumption that Ananov was alive, but knew that heaving oceans and extreme cold posed risks as the hours went by.

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OLYMPIAD

Perfect score for 'mathlete'

The name Alex Song is spoken in reverential tones in Canadian mathematical circles.

The 18-year-old won the International Mathematical Olympiad in Thailand in mid-July, achieving a rare perfect score in the two-day competition against more than 600 high school competitors from 104 countries.

Song has had an incredible run over the past six years, finishing with five gold medals and one bronze against the best in the world. Now he ranks first in the Olympiad's Hall of Fame.

The Olympiad is a big deal in math. Previous participants have gone on to win prestigious international awards such as the Fields Medal, considered by many as the highest honour in mathematics.

For Song, the Olympiad win wasn't that big of a deal.

"I was definitely very happy at the same time," he says. "But, I mean, it was just whatever happened."

"I felt like I was very lucky to solve all the problems, but at the same time I'm not sure if any of the problems gave me trouble," he said from his parents' home in San Jose, Calif. He grew up in Waterloo, Ont., until moving to New Hampshire to start high school in 2011.

The champ will start his collegiate career at Princeton University next month. He said he hopes to focus on pure mathematics and "needs to get prepared for mathematical research." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ELECTION

Adams' defeat 'a big favour' for Trudeau

Liberals who helped defeat Eve Adams in her bid to run as the party's candidate in a Toronto riding said Monday they've done Justin Trudeau "a big favour."

Adams had been seeking the Liberal nomination in Eglington-Lawrence, where she would have faced off against her former fellow Conservative caucus mate, Finance Minister Joe Oliver.

But Adams, who was welcomed into the Liberal fold by Trudeau in February after she had a falling out with the Tories, was handily defeated by Marco Mendicino in a weekend nomination vote.

"I think we did Trudeau a big favour by bringing in and having a candidate here who

really is a genuine Liberal," said Mike Colle, a Liberal who represents the riding in the Ontario legislature.

Adams would win the federal nomination "over my dead body," Colle predicted in a Facebook post in February.

But Trudeau will likely continue to be shadowed by the Adams defection throughout the campaign in advance of the Oct. 19 federal election, said University of Toronto political science professor Peter Loewen.

"I think it was a mistake for (Trudeau) ever to invite her in," Loewen said.

"He should have asked his caucus and given the caucus a chance to pass judgment on her membership."

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IN BRIEF

CP Rail seeks to appeal Lac-Mégantic settlement

Canadian Pacific Railway is officially asking for permission to appeal the approval of the \$430-million settlement fund for victims and creditors of the Lac-Mégantic train derailment.

The company states in court documents obtained by The Canadian Press today that the fund is unfair and that the Superior Court justice who gave it the green light had no jurisdiction to do so.

Justice Gaetan Dumas approved the fund, which was created when about 25 companies accused in the July 6, 2013, rail derailment that killed 47 people offered to compensate victims.

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Colombia begins quest to unearth missing youths

LA ESCOMBRERA

300 people believed to be entombed in urban landfill

The last contact Margarita Restrepo had with her daughter was a hurried phone call on Oct. 25, 2002. The school day was over and 17-year-old Carol Vanesa was going to meet friends at a metro stop near the sprawling Comuna 13 hillside slum.

Restrepo and her children had fled the violent Medellín neighbourhood a few days earlier, right before it was taken over by thousands of Colombian soldiers trying to ferret out leftist rebels. She begged the girl not to risk returning there, but the teen went anyway. Neither she nor her two friends have been seen again and, to this day, nobody knows who is responsible for their disappearance.

Thirteen years later, Restrepo and dozens of others who have missing loved ones are closer than ever to closure thanks to a project to remove 24,000 cubic metres of rubble from La Escombrera, a debris landfill on Medellín's outskirts where the remains of as many as 300 people are believed to have been dumped during one of the darkest chapters of Colombia's long-running civil



Wooden silhouettes representing missing people dot the landscape during a ceremony to remember the missing and to kick off a search effort in the landfill La Escombrera, on the outskirts of Medellín, Colombia, on Monday. LUIS BENAVIDES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

conflict.

At a ceremony Monday to remember the missing and kick off the search effort, officials joined more than 100 women who dressed in white and carried black, plastic silhouettes to represent their loved ones. After years of silence on the part of the government and much of society, supporters of the families welcomed the



This is the site of one of the most atrocious episodes that weigh down our history and is a stain on our national identity.

Roman Catholic priest and activist Javier Giraldo

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"This is the site of one of the most atrocious episodes that

weigh down our history and is a stain on our national identity before the entire world,"

Javier Giraldo, a Roman Catholic priest and human rights activist, said following a Mass to honour the victims.

Human rights activists say La Escombrera could prove to be the largest mass grave ever found in Colombia and the dig represents a glimmer of hope that justice will be realized. But the search will be complicated. Despite more than a decade-long clamour by victims' families that the landfill be closed and excavated, giant trucks have continued to dump construction waste daily.

"If that light doesn't shine for me, I hope it does for one of my companions," Restrepo said while holding up a placard with her daughter's photo and disappearance date, the eye-catching symbol used by the group Mothers Walking for the Truth to draw attention to their fight.

With the five-decade conflict winding down, officials have been fanning out across the country to exhume hundreds of bodies, attempt to identify them through DNA testing and return the remains to family members.

Forensic experts have cordoned off and will focus their search in three sections of the landfill where bodies are believed to have been dumped. A makeshift camp is being built for loved ones who want to stay abreast of the investigators' progress.

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BOBBI KRISTINA BROWN

Time an issue in solving death

Medical examiners performing an autopsy on Bobbi Kristina Brown said Monday their initial findings turned up no obvious cause of death, while experts said the months that have passed since Brown was found face-down in a bathtub are working against authorities now tasked with solving how she died.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office said in a statement Monday afternoon that it will likely be several weeks before it can rule on a manner and cause of death for the 22-year-old daughter of Whitney Houston.

The agency said its initial autopsy turned up "no significant injuries" or "previously unknown medical conditions." It said the next step is ordering lab tests and issuing subpoenas for documents — most likely Brown's hospital records.

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10 people killed in extended gun battle

Indian forces fought an extended gun battle Monday with militants who attacked a moving bus and stormed into a police station in a northern town bordering Pakistan, with 10 people killed in the violence, officials said.

The attackers killed four policemen and three civilians in the pre-dawn attack in Punjab state, said Harcharan Singh Bains, a state government spokesman.

All three of the attackers died in fighting with Indian police officers backed by army personnel that lasted about 12 hours, said the state's director-general of police, Sumedh Singh Saini.

The militants hijacked a car and then fired at the bus and a roadside eatery before attacking

a police station near Gurdaspur, a border town in Punjab, police said.

Eight injured people were hospitalized, seven of them in serious condition, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Police are investigating whether the militants came from the Indian portion of Kashmir, which borders Punjab, or from Pakistan. Rebels routinely stage attacks in Indian-held Kashmir, where they've been fighting since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan.

Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned the attack. "Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," it said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Austrian police deflect 201 Munich-bound migrants

Austrian police say they found 201 migrants without proper travel documents on a train bound for Munich from the Hungarian capital of Budapest.

Police spokeswoman Michaela Rossmann said the men, women and 27 children were intercepted early Monday. She said some likely applied for asylum while others who didn't would have been charged with illegally staying in Austria, given written orders to leave and then allowed to continue their trip.

The daily Kronen Zeitung said the migrants came from 13 nations. It said most of them were from Syria and Afghanistan.

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EXPLORING BEDFORD

Bringing business together

When the town of Bedford amalgamated with the rest of HRM in 1998, businesses in the community were represented by an active board of trade, a Main Street program and the Bedford economic development committee. That representation waned in recent years.

Now, a new organization in Bedford is helping businesses take advantage of economic opportunities in the area. The Bedford Business Association (BBA) began four years ago to bring businesses together to work on common issues.

Peter Christie, former Bedford mayor and area MLA, was one of the organizers of the BBA. He says the group came about after an attempt to start a traditional business improvement district for Bedford fell flat.

"A business improvement district gets its operating budget through the taxes that business landowners pay," Christie says. "That idea wasn't popular with businesses in Bedford, so we looked at starting a business association instead. Businesses were really keen to an organization that would represent their business interests, and they liked the idea of the Bedford Business Association."

The BBA operates along the same lines as the former Bedford board of trade, a member driven group that charges an annual fee for membership. The association has already attracted around 60 members.

The group sponsors networking programs and street scaping improvement programs



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for the Bedford business district. It advocates on behalf of the local business community and also supports an active buy local campaign, a vitally important program for the development of businesses in the community, Christie says.

The idea behind the campaign is to remind Bedford residents to stop thinking of their community as a suburb of Halifax and start

using local shops, services and businesses.

"We have a lot of great businesses in Bedford, well-established businesses that have been part of our community for a long time," Christie says. "If you look at businesses like Municipal Group, Tolson Developments, The Chicken-burger and the Sunnyside Restaurant, those businesses have been part of our community for well over 50 years. We need to recognize

businesses in Bedford and support them."

Christie says businesses are a big part of the Bedford community, supporting local events, minor sports teams and other community works.

At the same time, the BBA provides a forum for local businesses to meet, share ideas and provide support for each other.

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BEDFORD'S HIDDEN TREASURE

PETROGLYPHS MAY BE MORE THAN 500 YEARS OLD

They may be one of Canada's most hard to find National Historic Sites. There is no signage, no parking facilities or interpretive centre leading curious tourists to the Bedford petroglyphs. But the hidden Mi'kmaq artifacts are one of Nova Scotia's greatest historic treasures nevertheless.

The petroglyphs — ancient, faint etchings in the rocks just a few hundred metres from a Bedford neighbourhood — were rediscovered three decades ago and declared a National Historic Site in 1994. The two pictures, an eight-pointed star and a human figure, may be more than 500 years old. A scientist from the Royal Ontario Museum reported that the art was likely cut with stone tools, suggesting they date back at least to a time before the Mi'kmaq traded for metal with the Europeans.

Bedford has long been a place of spiritual and geographic significance for the Mi'kmaq people. The Sackville River, which runs through the heart of the community, was an ancient canoe route, a direct highway from their winter hunting grounds in the interior of the province to their summer home at a place they called Chibookt (Chebucto, as the Europeans corrupted the word).

The area around Bedford was once part of a district the Mi'kmaq called Eskikewa'kik, meaning "land of the skin dressers." Their campsites near the mouth of the Sackville River were ancient, more than 1,000 years old in many cases.



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When they reached Chibookt, the Mi'kmaq would spend the summers hunting in the swamps where the Halifax Central Common exists today, catching fish and harvested shellfish in the harbour. They also gathered to celebrate an annual feast — the Feast of St. Aspinquid, the Europeans called it — in what is now Point Pleasant Park.

The Bedford petroglyphs, a fortunate find, are one of the few remaining tributes to those times. The petroglyphs were nearly

destroyed before they came to light in 1983. Plans were underway to develop a subdivision on the area known as the Bedford Barrens, a development that would include 150 homes and a number of apartment complexes. When the petroglyphs were discovered by accident, buried under the underbrush, construction was halted and the 15-hectare parcel of land sat in limbo until National Historic Site status was achieved 11 years later.

— William Mason

NEW EMPHASIS ON GREEN SPACE

Bedford has been a community of parks for a long time. Now, with developments taking place on the Bedford Waterfront, at Larry Uteck Boulevard and in west Bedford, the city and private developers are placing new emphasis on green space development, creating even more parks and hiking trails for the Bedford community.

Along Shore Drive, at the head of Bedford Basin, a string of parks, including Fish Hatchery Park, Summer Cove Way, Picnic Cove Park, Long Cove Access Park and Admirals Cove, offer picnic areas and access to the Bedford Basin or the Sackville River.

Further down the basin, Hemlock Ravine Park is a wooded tract about the same size as Point Pleasant Park. It occupies land that was originally the 18th-century estate of Edward Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria, in the days when he was military commander at Halifax.

Newer green space trails include the Fort Sackville Walkway, a five-kilometre long trail that follows the Sackville River through downtown Bedford from Scott Manor House on Bedford Basin to Fultz House Museum in Sackville.

The Old Coach Road is one of Bedford's newest hiking trails; a moderately steep trail that runs through the new Ravines development on Southgate Drive.

In recent years, DeWolf Park has become the new heart of the Bedford community. The park was developed in the 1970s in an effort to bring Bedford residents back to the waterfront as a place to play and relax. — William Mason



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Symbols of success for the community

In the days before amalgamation, when Bedford was still a town, it was full of colourful neighbourhoods.

There was Isleview, the neighbourhood that ran along the shore of Bedford Basin. The Shore Drive area was once known as Yankeetown, while the high hill above Bedford that supported a broadcasting tower was referred to as CHNS Hill. Millview was the neighbourhood near where Hammonds Plains Road met the Bedford Highway.

And then there was downtown Bedford, an area that everyone in Metro Halifax once referred to as Sunnyside. Today, a popular shopping mall and one of the area's oldest restaurants still bear the Sunnyside name, but the neighbourhood name has faded. It may have started out as part of a gentlemen's agreement between two local businessmen, according to restaurant manager Gerard Avery.

The story of the Sunnyside name might be slightly apocryphal, but it involves two Bedford business owners who wanted to start

roadside restaurants sometime before the Second World War. The story goes that one of them started a roadside stand and promised to sell only chicken burgers. He called his business the Chickenburger. The other man promised to sell only hamburgers and he opened up on the other side of the road — the sunny side of the road. So he called his place Sunnyside.

For generations of Haligonians, Bedford was a stopping place, a place to gas up and grab some food before making the journey to other parts of the province and beyond. The communities on each side of it were crossroads communities, created in the days before automobiles by the geographic fact that they were as far from downtown Halifax as a horse could comfortably travel.

Peter Christie, the former mayor of Bedford and a tireless community volunteer, says for many years the town was known as the place that said "no." Not that that was a bad thing.

"We said no to a prison, we said no to the



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municipal dump and we said no to expanding the Bedford Highway to six lanes. I think, ultimately, those victories have all proved to be symbols of success for Bedford."

Today, the community is struggling with new challenges, such as the issues around waterfront development, expanding traffic footprints and the competition that Bedford

businesses face with businesses in other parts of HRM. But Christie says the community has a strong competitive advantage.

"We have a real history of pulling together and that shows. There are real symbols of growth everywhere you look in this community."

— William Mason

BASIN IS A BACKDROP FOR RECREATION



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When scientists at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography began exploring the depths of Bedford Basin with remotely operated submarines in the 1990s, they found a world of wonders littered along the bottom.

Wonders such as the remains of a waterfall from the days when the basin was a large freshwater lake and an extension of the Sackville River. Five thousand years ago, probably during a vicious storm, the sea suddenly broke through and flooded the river, creating the saltwater basin that exists there today.

Bedford Basin is a major source of recreation for the community, the site of the Bedford Basin Yacht Club, and a backdrop for several area parks.

A recent movement to bring Bedford back to the waterfront has become a touchstone for the environmental movement. The efforts to save sensitive areas around Crosby Island and the Bedford Reef led to the establishment of a new environmental group called Save The Bedford Basin Reef.

What ensued was a public relations battle that has gained momentum and support in the Bedford community. Recently, HRM agreed to put a one-year moratorium on development around the Bedford waterfront, a move that will allow the community to have more input into the direction that new development takes in the area, says Bedford community organizer and former politician Peter Christie.

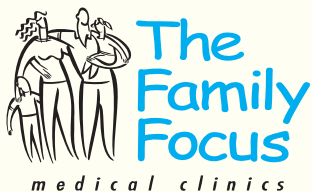
"A dramatic change to our waterfront has

taken place in the last few years," Christie says. "There has been a lot of development, and, of course, infilling around Crosby Island and the Bedford Reef. Now the city is stepping back at looking at having half as many people there as originally planned. They were originally talking about 6,000 people living on the waterfront. Now they're talking about around 3,500. Traffic patterns just wouldn't have handled the higher number."

A new, reimagined plan will focus on limiting the heights of buildings and density levels in the area with amenities such as a public library, a new transit hub and a performing arts theatre included in the development plan.

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One of the most obvious signs that something is happening in the Sackville River is the sound that the digger logs make.

The volunteers who are building the Sackville Greenway Trail place the logs in the water at an angle. When the water flows over them, they aerate the river and create a beautiful, bubbling sound along the trail. It's one of the ways that volunteers are bringing life back to the river and making it habitable for trout, salmon and other creatures who were once plentiful in its waters.

The first order of business for the Sackville Rivers Association has always been to develop a greenbelt along the Sackville River — an important buffer to protect the river's fragile environ-

ment from the pressures of the surrounding urban neighbourhoods. For Bedford, Lower Sackville and other communities along the river's route, the group's efforts come with a side benefit. The greenbelt is also leading to the creation of one of HRM's finest urban parks.

The well-known Halifax-area environmental group and its 200-odd dedicated volunteers have actually been developing a trail system along the river for more than a decade — a sequence of trails that will eventually meld into one long trail from Bedford Basin all the way to Mount Uniacke.

The Sackville Rivers Association started the trail project in the 1990s, when it developed the portion of trail that runs from Fort Sackville to Range Park in Bedford. Next came the Range

Trail, which is the first walking trail to connect the communities of Bedford and Sackville.

The Sackville Rivers Association is focusing on Phase 3 now — a trail called the Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway that will follow the course of the Little Sackville River.

Fundraising will be key for the ambitious project. There are a number of bridges that have to be built, and because the greenway runs through urban neighbourhoods, any land purchases in the area will be expensive.

The completed portions of the trail are already popular with a variety of users in the Bedford Sackville community, including dog walkers, runners, and cyclists commuting to work.

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SCOTT MANOR HOUSE PRESERVES THE PAST

In the early days of Bedford's history, Joseph Scott was a force to be reckoned with. Around the time Halifax was founded in 1749, Scott immigrated from Ireland to become one of the largest landowners in the area. He owned a huge estate that stretched from the shore of Bedford Basin to Lower Sackville, along with a Georgian-style home that he built beside Fort Sackville near the shore of Bedford Basin.

Today, Scott's home is Bedford's oldest surviving building and the site of the Scott Manor House Museum.

"We don't know exactly the date that the house was built," says Ann MacVicar, chair of the Fort Sackville Foundation, the organization that manages Scott Manor House. "We do know for sure that it was standing in 1773, so it was probably built a few years before that."

Today, Scott Manor House serves as Bedford's community museum, featuring displays of antique furniture and household items, British uniforms from the 18th century, a tea room, archives and reading room,

and much more. The museum staff rotate the exhibits on a weekly basis so most of the extensive collection of artifacts is displayed to the public.

Inside the museum, visitors can see Scott's preserved home, complete with nine fireplaces, mortarless chimneys, hand-hewn floorboards, and a gambrel roof. Scott made his money running a small shipping business on the Halifax waterfront, and like many successful businesspeople of the day, built his home to escape Halifax's seedy downtown core.

The house is located just a few steps away from the site of Fort Sackville, a wooden stockade fort that was built a few months after Halifax was founded in 1749. Although parts of the fort existed into the early 20th century, most traces have long since disappeared. A railway line that was built more than 100 years ago cut through the centre of the fort grounds. A few years later, the last wooden structures of the fort burned in a fire that was likely ignited by sparks from a passing train.

While the fort is gone, the land where it



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stood may prove to be a treasure trove of Bedford history if an extensive archeological dig is ever conducted. To date, only two small archeological studies have been done on the site. The last one, undertaken more than 20 years ago by archaeologist and St. Mary's University Prof. Stephen Davis, consisted of only digging a few small holes.

The grounds around Scott Manor house

are also worth exploring, including a park-like garden setting that is the start of the Fort Sackville Walkway, a five-kilometre trail that winds through downtown Bedford to another period museum — the Fultz House Museum in Sackville. The walkway is the first pedestrian trail to connect the communities of Bedford and Sackville.

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Group is winning hearts and minds

The Sackville Rivers Association

Walter Regan fought hard against the idea of becoming an environmentalist for much of his life. He continually ignored calls from friends and neighbours, imploring him to take part in community cleanup expeditions to the Sackville River.

"I wasn't interested in hugging any trees or kissing any whales," Regan says. "I said no."

Then, one warm Saturday in 1988, he said "yes," just for a day. Or so he thought. When it was over, he and his neighbours had hauled 50 junked cars from the river.

"I had no idea how close to the edge that river was. I was shocked and upset."

Today, Regan heads up the Sackville Rivers Association, devoting hundreds of hours every year working to save his river. He is the face and the spokesperson for the group, a job he admits borders on an obsession. Now retired after 35 years from the Department of National Defence, Regan speaks to the media at every opportunity, leads his 200 organization members on river cleanups and monitoring programs, and rarely misses a meeting when development in Bedford and Sackville are on the agenda.

His wife has taken to calling herself a "river widow."

"If I don't speak out on behalf of the river, who will?," he asks.

The river that runs through the heart of Sackville and Bedford was once one of Nova Scotia's finest salmon rivers, a pristine transportation corridor that drained 147 square kilometres of land into the Bedford Basin. But decades of toxic run-off, indiscriminate



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dumping, poor construction practices and acid rain have taken their toll.

Today, small victories keep Regan going. His group has spearheaded the development of a greenbelt trail along the river's edge that will someday stretch 40 kilometres from the river's mouth at Bedford Basin to Mount

Uniacke, a trail that has already become a centrepiece of the community.

The Sackville Rivers Association is also winning hearts and minds of the next generation of citizens by operating a program at 18 schools in the area, which encourages students to grow their own salmon eggs in

classroom aquariums and release them into the river as fingerlings in the spring. They even give names to their fish.

"Those kids are going to think twice before they throw a chip bag into the river," Regan says. "It's their river and they want to protect it."

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Venues keep people moving and active

By any measure, the Daniel Nester Tennis Centre is unique. For one, the centre in the Rocky Lake Park off Highway 102 is the only indoor clay court tennis facility east of Montreal. It features player benches at every court and a pro shop complete with racquet stringing services and maintenance.

The centre has completed Phase 1 of its development, including six indoor courts, a lounge, offices and showers. When the extensive complex is completed in the next five years, it will feature 14 main courts and a number of junior training courts.

The Daniel Nester Tennis Centre is impressive, but it's just one of a number of new sports facilities that have recently opened in Bedford.

Just down the road is the Rocky Lake Dome, an 18,000-square-foot rink facility with an inflatable roof that has become a centre for Bedford minor hockey. Even more impressive, the dome was built as a labour of love by a dedicated group of volunteers, which was no small feat. With almost 18 kilometres of cooling pipe, laser-levelled concrete slab and a massive insulated dome rising 40 feet above the ice surface, the Rocky Lake Dome is state-of-the-art. Its inflatable roof has already weathered two major storms, and its powerful cooling system and insulation allow it to operate from October to April.

At the other end of Bedford, the BMO Centre is a \$40-million, state-of-the-art facility that is one of the largest and most technologically advanced sports facilities in the region. The centre features four NHL-sized rinks, large change rooms, a spacious foyer, food and beverage services, and a sports retail store.

With the ability to host four hockey games at the same time, the BMO Centre has become an ideal venue for major tournaments. It has also become an important facility for summer sports, particularly beach volleyball.

The Courts of West Bedford is a unique facility with four full-size outdoor beach



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volleyball courts on the east side of the BMO Centre. They courts feature floodlights for night games, and are connected to a canteen, washrooms, showers and dressing rooms inside the centre.

– William Mason



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PLAYERS PREP FOR NEW SEASON

The Bedford Players has always been a labour of love. From humble beginnings in the 1980s, the amateur theatre company has grown to include about 100 volunteers, who stage a number of small drama and comedy works every year.

The Bedford Players are preparing for a packed season of comedy, mystery and drama with three productions in the works.

First up is Aspirin & Elephants, an award-winning romantic comedy by Jerry Mayer. The story focuses on a 60-something mother and father who take their two daughters and their husbands on a 40th anniversary celebration cruise. Hilarity ensues and the courses of all three marriages are changed as a result.

Aspirin & Elephants will run on selected dates from Nov. 5-21, with tickets on sale Oct. 5 at Ticketpro.

On selected dates between Feb. 25 and March 12, Bedford Players will perform Butterfly Girls, a play written by Brad Filippone and directed by Clair Henderson. The

story focuses on Portia and Bridget, two friends who were inseparable as teenagers until Portia did something that Bridget couldn't forgive. Now Bridget has to struggle with the idea of following through with her former friend's dying wish. It's an examination of how time and events change the relationships between friends.

Tickets for Butterfly Girls go on sale Jan. 25, 2016, at Ticketpro.

Bedford Players' last performance of the 2015-16 season will be Anybody For Murder, written by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner. It's the story of Max, who plans the murder of his wife Janet so he can collect her life insurance and run off with his girlfriend. Add the arrival of some friends, an unexpected inheritance and a neighbour who just happens to be a famous crime writer and things get very complicated, very quickly.

Tickets for Anybody For Murder go on sale April 26, 2016, at Ticketpro.

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GERMANY

Business managers feel more confident

Business confidence in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, has risen unexpectedly this month as worries over Greece have subsided, a closely watched survey showed Monday.

The Ifo think-tank's monthly confidence index increased to 108 points for July from 107.5 in June. Economists had expected a slight decline to 107.2, which would have been a third consecutive drop.

Ifo said that managers' assessment of their current situation and their outlook for the next six months both improved, defying expectations that they would slip. The institute's president, Hans-Werner Sinn, said in a statement that "the recent easing of the Greece situation contributed to stronger sentiment in the German economy."

A preliminary agreement earlier this month on a new bailout for debt-laden Greece dampened fears of a potentially disruptive Greek exit from the 19-nation euro currency, though a full deal still has to be hammered out.

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Even if the dose has been reduced somewhat, the German economy is still on steroids.

Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING-DiBa

employment and increasing domestic demand and has been growing even as other European countries struggle.

It is still being bolstered by a weak euro exchange rate and low energy prices, said Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING-DiBa in Frankfurt. "Even if the dose has been reduced somewhat, the German economy is still on steroids," he added.

Risks looking ahead include longer-than-expected periods of weakness of the U.S. and the Chinese economies, both of which are major German export destinations, and a possible new flaring of the Greek crisis, he said.

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Tim Hortons executives are reviewing Tims TV after Enbridge ads running on the in-store digital screens last month dragged the restaurant chain into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tim Hortons reviews in-store TV screens

RESTAURANTS

Activists and oil industry clash over ad on Tims TV

Executives at Tim Hortons are reconsidering whether it's worth the risk of flavouring your coffee break with potential controversy.

After the restaurant chain was dragged into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters last month, Daniel Schwartz, CEO

of Tim Hortons' parent company Restaurant Brands, said Monday the company is reviewing its Tims TV in-store digital screens.

"We're now taking a look at the whole Tims TV program and what makes sense for the brand," said Schwartz in an interview.

"As with many things in the restaurant, we explore what's best from time to time."

The review comes after Tim Hortons was put in the hot seat for giving advertisement space to pipeline giant Enbridge on its in-store digital screens.

The commercials angered

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We're now taking a look at the whole Tims TV program.

Daniel Schwartz

environmentalists who launched an online petition to get them pulled. When Tim Hortons yanked the Enbridge ads, some oil-sector supporters called it an insult to one of Canada's biggest industries and launched their own boycott.

The conflict showed the potential dangers of a brand as

recognizable as Tim Hortons selling ad space to companies that could rattle its customers.

The coffee-and-doughnut chain began experimenting with Tims TV last year before rolling out screens at restaurants across the country. The company described Tims TV as its own version of a community space, serving as a home for the latest news, weather, local events and branded videos.

But the thrust of the concept was to pocket revenue from what's essentially a billboard inside the restaurants.

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IN BRIEF

TransAlta buys solar and wind projects in the U.S.

Calgary-based TransAlta Corp. has signed a deal to buy 71 megawatts of solar- and wind-power generation capacity in the U.S. in a deal worth \$75.8 million US. The assets acquired from an affiliate of Rockland Capital include 21 MW of solar projects in Massachusetts and a 50-MW wind facility in Minnesota. TransAlta has been working to reduce its reliance on coal-fired power plants in recent years.

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GREECE

Ex-minister hatched plan for euro exit

The Greek government was poised Monday for the imminent start of intricate bailout discussions but faced rebukes following revelations that former finance minister Yanis Varoufakis formed a secret committee to plan for the possible conversion of euros into drachmas "at a drop of a hat."

While the final touches were being put in place for the start of technical talks in Athens, a recording of Varoufakis discussing a parallel currency plan was made public.

Opposition parties have



Yanis Varoufakis.

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criticized Varoufakis and have

urged Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to explain to lawmakers what he knew of his former finance minister's actions.

In the recording of a telephone briefing for investors on July 16 in the wake of his resignation days earlier, Varoufakis claimed he and a childhood friend who was a computer expert hacked into his ministry's computer systems as a first step to creating "a parallel banking system" in the event Greek banks were shuttered.

In theory, a parallel system

formed from the effective cloning of tax accounts would have allowed the finance ministry to continue payments in the form of so-called IOUs.

Varoufakis said he had been authorized by Tsipras to undertake the planning prior to the general election in January when the radical left Syriza party swept to power.

And he insisted that his actions were legal, in the public interest and aimed at keeping the country in the 19-country eurozone.

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the big number

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Is the number of women, who have come forward and attached their names and faces to their stories of alleged sexual assault at the hands of Bill Cosby. The women — the majority of Cosby's accusers, who currently number 46 — range in age from their early 40s to 80, and they report incidents as far back as 1969. They told their stories in New York Magazine Sunday, describing, in many cases, being drugged without their knowledge and forced to perform sex acts without their consent. A handful of women who reported Cosby in 2005 were met with "skepticism, threats, and attacks on their character," the magazine essay says. This time around, praise and support abounds on social media — a testament to how much has changed in just a few years.

Cars and pedestrians aren't always a bad mix

YOUR RIDE

Erica Butler



Halifax is painting the town
plaid. Well, at least one
block of it.

On Sunday the city and the Downtown Halifax Business Commission launched their temporary makeover of Argyle Street between Sackville and Blowers into a shared space street.

The pavement and sidewalks are now covered in a bright, argyle pattern. (Yes, I know, not plaid. But close.)

The street is lined with planters and benches, inviting people to use more than the usual few feet of sidewalk space reserved for them.

But this is not a pedestrian-only area. Cars are allowed, except on weekends when the space is being used for events.

Now, mixing cars and pedestrians may sound like a terrible idea off the top, but in practice it's been working well on similar streets around the world.

The idea is that in a space clearly intended for everyone, both drivers and pedestrians behave a little differently. We make eye contact, we nod, we wave each other through. Basically, drivers and pedestrians can be expected to co-operate with each other in an environment that is clearly meant for both.

Another key factor to the success of the shared space concept is speed. In order to be able to communicate with everyone around them, drivers need to go slowly. On Argyll, that shouldn't be too much of a behaviour shift.

If you're in any sort of hurry in your car, you don't turn down Argyle Street, because it's often chock-a-block with restaurant and

theatre-goers and people criss-crossing the street to check a menu or greet a friend.

In a pinch, you can get through, but it's going to be slow.

And so it is with this new pilot streetscape. It's a design that's responding to the use of the street as it is now, and then making it better.

Halifax urban designer Jacob Ritchie is understandably excited. "I'm pumped," he told me. "I've been at the city for less than a year, and this is the sort of thing that I wanted to be part of."

Ritchie says that what is learned from this pilot will be applicable to streets throughout the city, though "Every street begets its own design response," he tells me, depending on how it's used.

So far the biggest problem I can see with this new version of Argyle is that at

A key factor to the success of the shared space is speed. In order to communicate with everyone around them, drivers need to go slowly. On Argyle, that shouldn't be too much of a behaviour shift.

six weeks, the project is far too short, even for a pilot.

After all this effort, why not keep Argyle argyle a bit longer?

Erica Butler lives in Halifax and uses transit, a car and a bicycle to get around the city. You can follow her on Twitter at @HabitatRadio.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

We're all jerks on the road. Cyclists are the vulnerable kind

I had that sense again yesterday morning when I got on my bike.

The feeling that I was no more than a delicate teacup perched on the seat. Every motorcycle and car that passed me made me flinch. I shoulder-checked like I had a neck twitch. I'm not a timid rider, but I had again the odd foreboding that this could be the day I get hit.

It wouldn't be the first time. A few years ago I was doored — and learned the term doored — en route to the office.

A driver, parked on the side of the road, didn't look for bikes before swinging open his door as I passed him. I flew over the handlebars and skidded to a stop in the middle of the street, mostly unhurt, but shaken.

When cars and bikes collide, one of us always loses.

In 2011, the latest data, colliding with a motor vehicle caused 60 per cent of cyclist deaths in Canada. A University of British Columbia study from 2013 found that cyclists have higher rates of both injuries and deaths than drivers, whether you're looking at number of trips taken or number of kilometres travelled.

I'm not arguing the childish chant that cyclists are better than drivers (and pedestrians are forgotten casualties, like the horses of

war, even though they are very much at risk of dying just by walking). Yesterday, as with every morning, cars, buses and trucks vied with pedestrians and other cyclists for biggest a--hole on the road (an award I dole out personally). As of press time, a Toronto pedestrian was the front-runner, thanks to a video making the rounds on Twitter wherein he punches a cyclist in the face.

It's scary out there.

A month ago, I was biking home when a cab driver decided I was too far from the sidewalk (and the crater-sized potholes that hugged the curb) and laid on the horn. He hooooooooonnnnnnn-kkkkkeeedddd. It scared the hell out of me and left me so sensitive that a podcast I was listening to made me cry.

Yes, Mr. Cab Driver, I realize I've inconvenienced you by forcing you to switch lanes in an otherwise deserted street.

But please pause to consider: Should we collide, you would drive off with a \$2,000 repair bill. I would lie there waiting for an ambulance.

In this, one of the statistically most dangerous times of the year to be a cyclist on the road, I beg of you, drivers. Please remember that while we're all jerks on the road, cyclists are the vulnerable kind.

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Summer



Weaving her way up the charts

TOUR

L.A. singer Ryn Weaver revels in life on the road

Caroline MacNeille
For Metro

Ryn Weaver is spending the summer in a way most 22-year-olds only dream of — touring the country to play music from her debut album, *The Fool*.

After dropping out of NYU in 2013, Weaver moved back to California where she connected with Benny Blanco, a producer who has worked with such pop luminaries as Katy Perry, Kesha and Maroon 5 in the past.

After the success of the resulting EP, she hit the festival circuit, with stops at Coachella, SXSW and Bonnaroo. This summer, she's loving connecting with fans on her first solo tour.

Her first tour

"It's been really freaking wild," Weaver says. "The first show I played was this sold-out show in a town where I have a lot of family and friends, and L.A. was sold out, too. I think when you're playing at festivals

it's really fun, but it's a lot about winning new fans and having people listen to your music because they wandered over."

Currently in the middle of a tour spanning the U.S. and Canada, Weaver says the connection she makes with fans at solo shows has been very meaningful.

"Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying and they all know all the words and they relate. So it's a very comforting experience. It's been very fun for me."

Concept albums

Weaver, who was involved in theatre growing up, might have been inspired by her experiences there — she created the album to be listened to all in one sitting, like a play.



Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying.

Ryn Weaver, singer, on connecting with fans during her first solo tour

"I believe in concept albums," she says. "There's something beautiful to be said about pop stars, and the breadth of catchy music that sometimes doesn't even go together but is such a good time anyway. As much as I love that and respect people who can achieve that, I think that I'm naturally a bit more of a storyteller."

That can mean spending a little more time with what she's working on.

"A lot of my favourite artists took their time to make different records. They would fall off the map a bit and come back. So a lot of the music I was listening to always felt like it was coming from a very specific world."

Music videos

To date, Weaver has put out two videos: one for her breakout hit *OctaHate* and one for her album's namesake, *The Fool*. Both are esthetic and evocative, featuring unusual, vivid settings (an old house, a gorgeous field) to immerse the viewer in her world. "I always have ideas (for videos) in my head as I write songs. I kind of see the theatre of it."

For these videos, Weaver found inspiration close by.

In *OctaHate*, that's my best friend Hayley, and we actually came together as friends because of the person the song was written about.

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"To me, it represented way more than us having a food fight at the table. It was about overcoming the journey of the mourning process. There's a final hug at the end. It's about how you wrestle with grief and mourning."

Starring roles

Although Weaver is achieving serious success as a musician, she once attended NYU as an acting student.

"Every single form of art is beneficial to another one. In acting, you get to study characters and you get to understand. It's an empathetic art form. It's almost anthropological. I love it."

Ultimately, she moved back to California to pursue music, finding that the West Coast suits her better.

"I love the East Coast, but a number of the (acting) methods break people down to bring them back up. I kind of believe in nurturing the natural side of you that has those qualities. Sometimes I think technique can crush creativity a bit."



Ryn Weaver performs at the Bonnaroo Arts and Music Festival on June 11 in Manchester, Tenn. JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

RUSH

'40 years is a long time to ... be in a rock band with the same guys'

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



I'm standing onstage at the MGM Grand Garden with Lorne Wheaton, the guy Rush's Neil Peart trusts with his drum kits.

"This set," he says, pointing to the kit that Peart has been using for the first half of each show on their 40th anniversary tour known as R40, "is made from an oak tree that was dredged out of the River Olt in Romania. It was carbon-dated to 1,500 years old. The guys at DW (Neil's preferred drum maker) turned it into this. Amazing, right?"

Lorne spoke of his boss with awe and respect. But and other Rush employees are facing an uncertain future. They know something is going to happen

this coming Saturday night. When the lights go up at the end of the show at the LA Forum, the last stop on R40, that might be the last time we ever see Rush onstage.

A Canada — a world — without Rush seems almost inconceivable, but that's exactly what fans may be facing. The band has pushed pause on their career a couple of times in the past, but this time, things look

serious. Very serious. There have been rumblings for months that this is definitely *The End*.

If they wanted to, Rush could extend the R40 tour for months, hitting North American cities they've missed (Winnipeg, Cleveland, Pittsburgh) and returning to cities for additional dates (Toronto, Los Angeles) before heading to across the Atlantic. A European tour would be insanely profitable.

But 40 years is a long time for anyone to do anything, let alone be in a rock band with the same guys playing the same songs, so you can understand why retirement might seem inviting. And it's tempting to go out on top before things start to go pear-shaped. After so many years, you want to leave a legacy that's remembered fondly.

Money? Not an issue. Revenues have been staggeringly

good. In addition to raking in millions over the last couple of tours, Rush sold their publishing catalogue for \$20 million. No one, and no heir, is going to go without.

It all comes down to a choice we all hope to have at some point in our lives: Do I really want to do this anymore? There are two more shows left on the tour. After Saturday, we'll see what Rush decides.



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Get some beachin' abs this summer

FITNESS

Tired of just laying around? Work on your core with these exercises

Although rest and relaxation are naturally the priority, the summer break can be a good opportunity to get back in shape before getting back to business.

Here are a few tips from personal trainer Yakisan Cagdas to tighten your abs while working on your tan.

Doing this series of four exercises will tone all of the abdominal muscles, from the core muscles to the laterals and obliques.

Start with some sit-ups

Get into position by lying flat on your back, knees bent with your heels flat, drawn as close as possible to your buttocks. Place your fingertips behind your ears, aligning your arms and shoulders. Your head should be resting on your towel or mat, casting your gaze



Think of how good that swim is going to feel after doing all these abdominal exercises. ISTOCK

into the sky. Raise your upper body by flexing your abdominal muscles (always breathe out as you sit up and breathe in as you lie down) as far as possible, chin forward. Do five sets of 15 with a 45-second rest

between each series.

Strengthen the oblique muscles

Start in the same position, lying on your back with your knees bent and your heels flat. Do a bicycle sit-up by bringing

your left knee to your right elbow until they touch. Your head and shoulders will come up off your towel each time. Do five sets of 15 followed by a 45-second rest before switching to your right knee and left

elbow. Finish with a set of 40, alternating between the two moves.

Tone the abdominal wall

Turn over and get into plank position facing your towel or

mat, resting your weight on your forearms and on your toes while flexing your heel. Your elbows should be aligned below the shoulders and your arms parallel to the body. Your body must form a straight line throughout the exercise (the workout will be totally ineffective if your buttocks are too high or low). Contract the abdominals and hold for 45 seconds while breathing in and out, then relaxing for 30 seconds. Two sets are enough to work out the muscles.

Harden the lateral muscles

Get into side plank position. Your head and shoulders should be aligned with the rest of your body. Pull in your stomach to make your body form a straight line, just as in the last exercise. Your weight will be resting on your forearm and foot, with your hips up off your towel or mat. The exercise entails raising the hips as high as possible and holding the position. Do two sets of 20 without touching your towel, resting for 10 seconds between each set. Then, switch sides and do another two sets of 20.

AFF

June Bug Domestic Medium Hair

Eight-year-old June Bug is a statuesque beauty who was found as a stray in the Halifax area. While she is shy in the shelter setting, she is responsive when petted... loving a back rub and little scratches on her forehead. She is relaxed and trusting, stretching to make sure you pat her from all sides. June Bug is a happy house cat who somehow ended up outdoors.

She is at the shelter waiting patiently to be whisked away to her new forever home.

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IN BRIEF

Millennial females enjoy orgasmic success: Survey

Young women are reaching orgasm at a rate that's getting competitive with that of their male counterparts, according to a U.S. survey conducted by condom manufacturing company Ansell. They're also losing their virginity at a younger age, with 83 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds reporting having had sex before their 18th birthday.

AFF

E-cigs may be just as addictive as traditional cigarettes: Study

While electronic cigarettes are seen by many as a way to wean off traditional cigarettes, new research suggests that the "e" version may be just as addictive as its smoky counterpart. Their findings revealed that the nicotine in e-cigs was mainly found in its most addictive form, known as "free-base" — the only one of three kinds that is absorbed by the body.

AFF



DRUG ABUSE

Opioid deaths on the rise, experts say



While oxycodone prescriptions are down, opioids like hydromorphone and fentanyl patches seem to be taking their place.

ISTOCK

Ontario addiction experts say reduced prescribing of oxycodone has helped cut overdose deaths from the potent narcotic, but other opioids are increasingly taking its place.

Researchers at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto say prescriptions for drugs like hydromorphone and fentanyl patches have risen since 2010 when measures to curb oxycodone use were put in place.

Yet lead researcher Benedikt Fischer says that despite a reduction in overall prescribing, deaths from opioid overdoses in Ontario continue to rise.

Oxycodone-related deaths had dropped by 30 per cent in 2013, but the number of deaths

from opioids overall jumped 24 per cent between 2010 and 2013 — from 467 to 577.

Fischer says the major driver of opioid addiction and related overdose deaths is excessive prescribing — too many drugs to too many people, in too high a dosage. He says public health measures are needed to curtail excessive prescription of the potent narcotics and limit their use to people who need them, such as those experiencing severe cancer-related pain.

"We need to bring those main drivers down to make a dent in this problem," says Fischer, whose commentary written with CAMH colleagues appears in the journal *Pain Physician*.

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Black goes YouTube

MICHAEL IAN BLACK

The State star stoked to play SMOSH villain



Ned Ehrbar
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The State and Wet Hot American Summer star Michael Ian Black gets in on the YouTube generation's fun with SMOSH: The Movie.

+ WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER

Netflix turns the cult classic into a new series

A prequel to the 2001 sleeper hit, Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp will make Netflix subscribers very happy campers starting July 31. AFP

playing eccentric billionaire villain Steve YouTube, who sends the SMOSH guys (Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla) literally into the Internet to try to undo an embarrassing viral video. And Black, as it turns out, has a handy trick for playing that type of

character.

How do you get into the head space of a character like Steve YouTube?

You just act a little bit like a dick, and that's easy for me. I'm just wired to be a little bit of a dick.

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It works for you, I think.
Thanks (laughs). I've based an entire career on it.

What do you make of the whole YouTube thing?
I certainly support the ability to create content and



Michael Ian Black, left, in SMOSH: The Movie. CONTRIBUTED

put it out there and have people watch it, and You-

Tube is the premium platform for that.

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SERIES PREMIERE

I Am Cait recapped

After weeks of sneak peeks, I Am Cait finally premiered Sunday night on E!

If you got caught up in watching Kanye drop his mic at the Pan Am closing ceremony, here are all the juicy scenes from Cait's first episode.



Caitlyn sees her Vanity Fair cover for the first time

In the first few moments in I Am Cait, Caitlyn sees the cover, the cameras capturing her immediate reaction. At the end of the episode, Caitlyn reveals that Khloe Kardashian had some issues with the cover, but you'll have to wait until episode two to find out why.

Kylie Jenner meets Caitlyn

Kylie's first time seeing her father living out a new

identity wasn't in person; it was actually over FaceTime, which caught Caitlyn totally off guard. "I don't want to scare you," Caitlyn tells Kylie.

Caitlyn's mom gets honest

Caitlyn's mom and two sisters come to visit, the first time they are seeing each other since the transformation.

Caitlyn's mom doesn't hold back, including asking about a verse on the Bible condemning dressing up in another gender's clothes.

Kim lends fashion advice
Kanye West and a pregnant Kim Kardashian stop by and Kim heads straight to Caitlyn's closet. She doesn't hold back about what Caitlyn needs to ditch.

Plus, she pulls out a dress that Kris Jenner also has. Talk about awkward!

Real trans issues addressed

More than anything, the show highlights Caitlyn's big heart. She truly cares about the trans community, especially teens and young

adults who are struggling with self acceptance and acceptance from others. Caitlyn spends the afternoon with the family of a trans 14-year-old who committed suicide, and scenes for upcoming episodes feature her going to support groups and addressing important issues. In the past, the Kardashian enterprise has been written off by many as frivolous, but the latest show to feature the family sparks dialogue that has the potential to change misconceptions and stereotypes. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO

BROKEN PROMISE — AN EXCERPT IN FOUR PARTS BY LINWOOD BARCLAY

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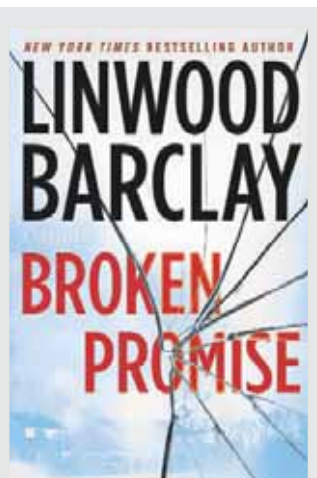
PART 2 OF 4

Something dark has infected Promise Falls Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with *Broken Promise* (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95), the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

When we left David yesterday, he had gone to visit his cousin Marla, who has miscarried just 10 months earlier. David is disturbed when he finds Marla feeding a baby that she claims was brought to her by an angel.

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The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it. Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years.



The name of the caller came up on Promise Falls Detective Barry Duckworth's screen. "Oh, no," he said. "Randall Finley." The former mayor. "Yeah," Duckworth said. "Hey, where are you?" Finley asked. "You in your car? Swing by Clampett Park. South end. By the path. There's something here you should see."

Barry Duckworth sighed. "Fine."

"I'll meet you at the park entrance. I got my dog with me. That's how I came across it. I was taking her for a walk."

"It?"

"Just get over here."

"Took you long enough," Finley said as Barry got out of his unmarked cruiser.

"I don't work for you," he said.

"Sure you do. I'm a taxpayer." Finley was dressed in a pair of comfort-fit jeans, running shoes, and a light jacket that he'd zipped up to his neck. "What did you find?"

"It's this way. I could just let Bipsie off the lead and we could follow her."

"No," Duckworth said. "Whatever you've found I don't want Bipsie messing with."

"Oh, yeah, of course," Finley said. "So, how ya been? You lost weight? You're looking good."

"What'd you find, Randy?"

"You just have to see it, is all. Must have happened overnight, because I walk along here with Bipsie a couple times a day — early in the morning, and before I go to bed. The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it."

Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years, and figured he'd see plenty more before he retired.

Finley pointed. "There, on the fence. Pretty weird, huh? It's a goddamn massacre. You ever seen anything like this before?"

Duckworth said nothing, but the answer was no, he had not. Randall said, "If it had been just one body, or even two, sure, I wouldn't have called. But look how many there are. There's twenty-three of them."

Duckworth counted them himself. Randy was right. One short of two dozen.

Twenty-three dead squirrels. Eleven gray ones, twelve black. Each one with a length of white string, the kind used to secure parcels, knotted tightly around its neck, and hung from the horizontal metal pole that ran across the top of the fence.

"I got no love for them," Finley said. "Tree rats, I call them. But there's gotta be a law against that, right? Even though they're just squirrels?"

In tomorrow's excerpt: David tries to find out more about where Marla got the baby.

VIDEO GAMES**Nintendo marks 30 years of Super Mario**

This September, in order to properly celebrate the 30th anniversary of its cult platformer, Nintendo will release *Super Mario Maker*, a new video game made for the Wii.

The game will allow players to build and share new levels for the famous mustachioed plumber.

On Sept. 11, two days before the anniversary of the release of *Super Mario Bros.*, Nintendo will release *Super Mario Maker*, the latest in a long line of video games starring Mario and his brother Luigi.

Just like *Little Big Planet*, available on Sony consoles, this game will give players the chance to create their own levels to play and to share them with gamers around the world.

Beyond just creating their own levels, with the help of the Gamepad touchscreen, gamers will also travel back through time to previous Mario worlds.

Four previous games have been selected to serve as a creative base: the very first *Super Mario Bros.*, *Super Mario Bros. 3* (1988), *Super Mario World* (1990) and *New Super Mario Bros. U* (2012).

Super Mario Maker will be a tribute to Mario, one of the most widely recognized video game characters ever and one who has contributed significantly to Nintendo's, and video games in general, success around the world.

First released for NES on Sept. 13, 1985, *Super Mario Bros.* had a mustached plumber as its hero.

Having already played his part in the *Donkey Kong* games, in his own game, Mario is tasked with racing through the Mushroom Kingdom, surviving the main antagonist Bowser's forces, and saving Princess Toadstool.

The game's success should be a no-brainer considering the fact that until 2008 it was the most popular video game in history with over 40 million copies sold around the world.

In fact, at a time when the gaming industry was hitting a wall, along came Mario to breathe life back into the business and make Nintendo the industry leader.

In 30 years, the company hasn't missed an opportunity to release multiple sequels and spinoffs of its Mario franchise, constantly upgrading the games with the release of each new gaming system.

This tidal wave of games translates to over 195 million titles sold since its creation, confirming the Mario franchise as the most popular video game in history.

So there is nothing surprising in Nintendo wanting to commemorate the 30th anniversary with a new game.

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Nintendo's Mario turns 30 next month. HANDOUT

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More than 20,000 Maritimers sponsor a child through World Vision. The benefits of sponsorship overseas are well-known — it provides necessities like access to education, clean water, nutritious food and creating economic opportunities for parents to support their families.

A lesser known fact is many Canadians feel they get more from sponsorship than they give. They report satisfaction from knowing they are making a difference and the value of building a relationship with the child and community they are helping overseas.

Andrea Janzen, of Halifax, has been sponsoring a child for a decade. She started after graduating from university, motivated by an article on the importance of generosity. She realized that small acts of giving can radically change the world. The idea of the article was that when you have a little, you can try to give a little, and this adds up.

“Sponsoring a child was my way to give a little,” Janzen says. “It’s all about being generous and allowing kids in other places to have a strong sense of community.”



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Janzen, now a mother of two young children, feels two major benefits from sponsorship. First is the satisfaction of knowing she is helping a child, Oscar, and his community in Mexico. Second are the moments

she uses sponsorship to teach her young children about global issues and the importance of helping others. When they get mail from their sponsored child, Janzen’s three-year-old son is excited to hear from

his friend in Mexico. Their family loves to travel, and someday she hopes they can visit Oscar to see how their ongoing sponsorship has helped him and his community.

What has surprised Janzen most about sponsorship is the connection she feels to Oscar’s community. One of the areas in which World Vision works in communities is helping to improve literacy and access to education. In Mexico, one way World Vision is accomplishing this is with reading clubs, which build children’s levels of excitement and confidence in reading. It was a similar group in Halifax that helped Janzen feel part of the community after a move.

“Having recently left a neighbourhood I loved, I really appreciate the value of being a part of a community,” she says. “We moved to Halifax during one of the worst winters on record. I felt isolated and was looking for ways to connect with other parents and for my kids to start making friends. My family loves reading, so we started going to a reading group at the library. We were welcomed right away.”

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Cleveland coach Mike Pettine says QB Johnny Manziel is behind Josh McCown for the starting job

IN BRIEF

Cavs sign Dellavedova for next season

Matthew Dellavedova has hustled his way back to the Cavaliers.

Dellavedova, who emerged as an unlikely post-season hero when all-star guard Kyrie Irving was injured, signed a \$1.2-million contract for next season on Monday.

He had been a restricted free agent, and although the Cavs signed Mo Williams this summer to be Irving's primary backup, the team wanted to keep Dellavedova because of the energy he brings off the bench. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warner given more time in fight to avoid extradition

A court is giving former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner more time to fight being extradited from Trinidad & Tobago to the United States to face corruption charges.

A chief magistrate on Monday set a new hearing date of Aug. 28 after a government lawyer requested more time to examine the extradition request from the U.S. Justice Department. The U.S. sent its request last week.

Warner is resisting extradition on U.S. charges of racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering in the FIFA corruption case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preds lock up Wilson with four-year contract

The Nashville Predators announced the signing of forward Colin Wilson to a four-year contract worth \$15.75 million on Monday.

The 25-year-old Wilson set career highs in goals (20) and points (42) and tied a personal best in assists (22) in 2014-15.

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Colin Wilson
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DIVING BENFEITO, FILION TAKE PLUNGE FOR SILVER Canadian divers Maeghan Benfeito, left, and Roseline Filion won the silver medal in the women's synchronized 10-metre platform at the FINA World Championships on Monday in Kazan, Russia. The result earned an Olympic spot for Canada in the event. Filion of Laval, Que., and Montreal's Benfeito won a gold medal together in the same event at the Pan Am Games. CHRISTOPHE SIMON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Toronto's path to hosting Olympics just got 'easier'

SUMMER GAMES

Boston no longer vying for 2024 event

Boston's withdrawal from the race to host the 2024 Summer Olympics could make a potential Toronto bid "far more attractive," particularly if no other American city steps up to the plate, experts said Monday.

"The Boston decision today certainly makes the landscape easier for a Canadian bid, a Toronto bid," said Bruce Kidd, an Olympics expert at the University of Toronto.

"With no U.S. bid, a Canadian bid has a much stronger argument," he said, noting that by 2024, it will have been almost three decades since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the last time the Summer Games were held in North America.

A spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee said Monday that the organization has severed ties with Boston, where the prospect of a bid for the '24 Summer Games was met with low public support and an active opposition group.

Scant time remains for the organization to find another potential host city — the deadline to register interest

with the International Olympic Committee is Sept. 15. But there is speculation Los Angeles could be in the running.

The absence of a U.S. candidate "would mean that there would only be one North American for the Games, and obviously that is a simpler situation," said John Furlong, who led the bid and the organizing committee for the Vancouver Winter Games.

"The lineup of cities in this particular round of bidding for the Summer Games is formidable but obviously it would make it a little bit easier," he said. "But Los Angeles and San Francisco would be very strong, I think, if they decided to get into it as well."

Paris, Rome, Budapest, Hungary, and Hamburg, Germany, have indicated they will apply.

+ FOCUS SHIFTS TO RIO

Feeling a summer-sport void now that the Pan American Games are over? It won't last long — the opening ceremonies for the 2016 Summer Olympics are just over 13 months away.

Canada's objective in Rio de Janeiro is a top-12 finish in total medals among the 200-plus participating countries.

For that to happen, Canada's divers, swimmers, row-

ers, wrestlers and paddlers need to come through, augmented by some track and field, cycling and trampoline medals.

"They're the bread and butter," Own The Podium chief executive officer Anne Merklinger said. "If we don't perform well in those sports in terms of multi-medal potential, then we're going to struggle to meet our targets."

The winning city will be chosen in 2017.

Talk of a third Toronto Olympic bid has followed the city's successful Pan Am Games, which wrapped up Sunday.

Toronto Mayor John Tory

said he wants to let the dust settle before making a decision, adding that officials will conduct a "careful analysis" to determine whether a bid is in the city's best interest.

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This is a serious, rational decision that has to be made.

Toronto Mayor John Tory

ACE PITCHERS TO WATCH

At the trade deadline

MLB

Top five starting pitchers, who could be on the move before Friday at 4 p.m. ET

COLE HAMELS

2015 stats: 6-7, 3.64 ERA, 9.6 K/9

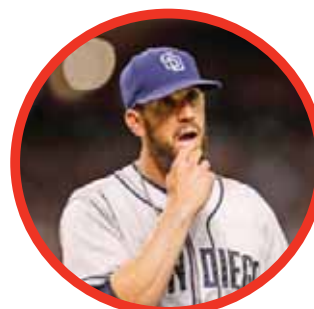
The Phillies' ace will almost certainly be dealt prior to Friday's deadline and should net the biggest return, given he is not a rental and remains under contract for three more seasons.



JEFF SAMARDZIJA

2015 stats: 7-5, 3.91 ERA, 6.9 K/9

The White Sox are another club whose hopes of contending have gone unfulfilled. The Shark, who has had a fantastic July, will be a free agent next year and will likely join a pennant race later this week.



YOVANI GALLARDO

2015: 7-9, 3.19 ERA, 6.2 K/9

The Rangers are in an odd buy-and-sell mode in that they are expected to go after Hamels, while also dealing some of their expiring assets, like Gallardo, with whom they haven't been able to work out an extension.

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DAVID PRICE

2015 stats: 9-3, 2.31 ERA, 8.6 K/9

He would be the best pitcher on the market — if he is actually on the market. The Tigers are built to win now, but they are two games under .500 and could become unexpected sellers. The free-agent-to-be is their best chip.



JAMES SHIELDS

2015 stats: 8-3, 3.77 ERA, 10.2 K/9

It was just this past off-season San Diego signed the 31-year-old right-hander to a four-year, \$75-million US contract, but given how disastrously their season has gone, word is they are already looking to sell and rebuild.



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Jays GM has to play hardball

MLB

Standing pat not an option as contract winds down

Alex Anthopoulos isn't likely to characterize it this way, but the next four days figure to be the most important of his career.

The Blue Jays' 38-year-old general manager is in the final year of his contract, while the man who hired him — team president Paul Beeston — is retiring at season's end. With a new boss on the horizon, it's tough to imagine Anthopoulos surviving another October on the outside looking in.

Meanwhile, his club is armed with the best offense in baseball, but held back by a mediocre pitching staff. With 62 games to go, they trail the first-place Yankees by 6.5 games and the second wild-card spot by three.

He is dealing with an anxious fan base, the longest post-season drought in professional sports and a restless core of players —



Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

some of whom publicly criticized his lack of action at last year's deadline.

Standing pat hardly seems an option this time around, but how much of the future is Anthopoulos willing to sacrifice to make a run in the present? We will find out sometime before Friday at 4 p.m.

As usual, the Jays have been linked to numerous teams and players, ranging from popular rentals, like Jeff Samardzija, to high-end closers, like Craig Kimbrel and Aroldis Chapman, and off-the-radar types, like Carlos Carrasco and Mike Fiers.

Anthopoulos's track record suggests he is reluctant to give up prospects and their multiple years of control for players on expiring contracts, like Samardzija. In fact, he has described the rental market as "the last aisle I want to shop in."

That made his reported interest in Milwaukee's Fiers and Cleveland's Carrasco somewhat interesting. Fiers has four more years of team control, while Carrasco has three. Both right-handers are high-strikeout pitchers whose peripheral numbers suggest they are better than their less-than-spectacular ERAs. But given those years of control, their price will be high.

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+ RESUMÉ

Anthopoulos has drafted well and rebuilt an ailing farm system. Measured minds may view his legacy in that light, but chances are most will judge him on what he pulls off — or doesn't — in the next few days.



FUTBOL FRIENDLY CHASING RONALDO IN CHINA Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo takes a shot on goal as Kondogbia Geoffrey of Inter Milan gives chase during Monday's friendly in Guangzhou, China. Real won 3-0 on goals from James Rodriguez, Raphael Varane and Jese. ZHONG ZHI/GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Montreal eagerly awaits Didier Drogba's Impact

Montreal Impact says it has signed former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba.

Impact confirmed the signing on Monday following a trade with Chicago Fire, which had initially completed a move for the 37-year-old forward. Drogba joins the MLS club following his second spell at Chelsea where he won the league title last season.

"We are very excited and thrilled to add to our roster a player with an exceptional career," said Adam Braz, the Impact's technical director.

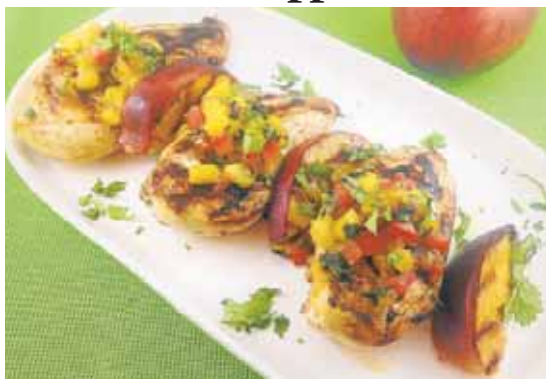
Drogba won four English league titles in total and scored the winning penalty kick as Chelsea won its first ever Champions League crown in 2012.

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Didier Drogba
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RECIPE Grilled Chicken with Peach and Bell Pepper Salsa



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Ripe peaches are a delicacy this time of year. You can also use nectarines or plums.

Serves 4

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Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 12 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup finely diced peeled ripe peaches
- 1/3 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp honey (or to taste)
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions

1. If you have time, marinate the chicken breasts for at least one hour.

2. Grill the chicken on medium heat, just until cooked or temperature reaches 165 F, approximately eight to 12 minutes.

3. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients except for cilantro. Add to skillet and cook for one minute or just until warm. Add cilantro and spoon over chicken.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 262
- Protein 39.4 g
- Carbohydrates 13 g
- Fibre 0.6 g
- Total fat 4.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.6 g
- Cholesterol 99 mg
- Sodium 211 mg

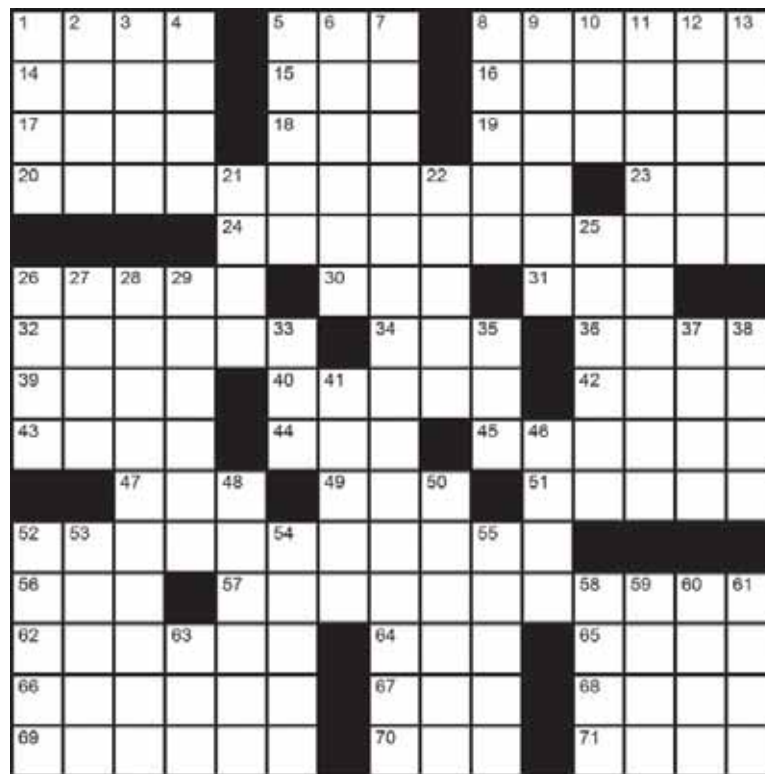
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

- Pickle holders
- Wee washroom
- Was an appreciative restaurant customer
- Double-reed woodwind
- Earlier, poetically
- Southern Manitoba town
- Criticize
- Tread the boards
- Chef, when making everything on the dish look nice before the waiter takes it, say
- Northern and Southern on the globe
- Ms. Adams
- Fly extinct reptile fly!
- Paul McCartney's nickname
- Chest bone
- "_ _ hoo!"
- Roman Myth: Dawn goddess
- Modern
- Glasgow's country [abbr.]
- Eminem song
- Successful song
- Bible pronoun
- Goblins
- That lady
- Laundry challenges
- Greyhound vehicle
- Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
- Talk show legend
- Ms. Winfrey's biblical



name as it appeared on her birth certificate

52. Hollowed-bear-bone healing aid used by shamans of the Tsimshian people in British Columbia: 2 wds.

56. NFL teams division, e.g.

57. Shakespearean comedy: 4 wds.

62. Alarm clock responders

64. Way to travel [abbr.]

65. King Atahualpa, for one

66. Pot holder

67. Certain canine

68. Arf!

69. Groups of eight

70. Operative

71. "Say it _ _ so!"

DOWN

- Mr. Brolin
- Fit to partake
- Rove
- _ _-sweet choc-

olate

5. Jumped

6. Robin Hood, for one

7. Former military branch... RCAVC = Royal Canadian Army _ _

8. Recorded

9. "My sentiments

exactly": 2 wds.

10. Harper Valley gr.

11. One-of-some in a bag of Canadian snack brand Miss Vickie's: 2 wds.

12. Foe

13. Ms. Hannah

21. Box

22. Court garbs

25. Movie's billing sharer

26. Long-running military comedy

27. Highway honker

28. K-os hit, Juno-winner for Single of the Year in 2005

29. Sort of diplomat

33. Cigar residue

35. Canadian actress Sandra's

37. Charlie Chaplin's last wife

38. 1975 ZZ Top song

41. Like a craved-for acting role

46. Ms. Spelling

48. Frightened

50. Black Eyed Peas hit: 2 wds.

52. _ _ _ it (Carried out a task)

53. Joan's two-worded following

54. Li'l helpers

55. Lyrical lament

58. Fuzzy fruit

59. Rock producer Brian's

60. Desktop graphic

61. William H. _ (27th US President)

63. Sister of Zsa Zsa

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If you enjoy being the boss then you'll get every opportunity to show off your leadership skills. But remember that being the boss is about more than just giving orders.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The one thing you most want to avoid is the thing you must face up to today. Something that has been causing you a great deal of worry can now be dealt with but it will take a lot of courage on your part.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Friends will go out of their way to help so don't just sit there like everything is fine. No matter how independent-minded you are, you still need a helping hand now and again.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you need to persuade someone to give you something you will no doubt be successful today. But they will give even more if you wait until Friday's full moon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
So many things are going right now that you are beginning to believe a breakthrough is possible. It is. Keep dreaming about a brighter future. It won't be a dream for long.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may find it difficult to make up your mind today. Your problem is that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Lighten up a bit - life is supposed to be enjoyed.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Not only are you in tune with the spirit of the times but you believe you have found your special place and role in the world. It's good to feel you are doing something worthwhile. It's good to make a difference.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to find the courage to make a difficult decision. Keep reminding yourself that change is not something to be avoided.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you'll accomplish a lot. Approach the day with negativity and you'll accomplish the same amount but you won't get much joy from it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If your instincts tell you you're on the right track then you must trust them. Let them guide you and the next few days will be a lot of fun.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Certain people may not deserve your support but you will give it anyway. Later in the week, when the moon is full in your sign, it is you who will need assistance. Think of good deeds as an investment.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You must spend some time planning what you are going to do. It will enable you to get twice as much done as you would have had you rushed in and hoped for the best.

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